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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GREAT PRAIRIE OASIS L.L.C. DBA SUNLAND WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF FINANCING.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GREAT PRAIRIE OASIS L.L.C. DBA SUNLAND WATER COMPANY FOR A RATE INCREASE.

DOCKET NO. W-04015A-12-0050

DOCKET NO. W-04015A-12-0051

**PROCEDURAL ORDER** 

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 14, 2012, in Docket No. W-04015A-12-0050 ("Financing Docket"), Great Prairie Oasis L.L.C., dba Sunland Water Company ("Sunland"), filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval of financing. The financing for which approval is requested is a \$125,000 loan from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona ("WIFA"), the proceeds of which would be used to finance plant needed to bring Sunland's water system into compliance with the current arsenic standard of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ").

Also on February 14, 2012, in Docket No. W-04015A-12-0051 ("Rate Docket"), Sunland filed an application for a permanent rate increase, attributing its need for a rate increase in part to the need for additional revenue to cover the debt service for the WIFA loan for which approval is being requested in the Financing Docket. Sunland filed additional documents for and an amendment to its rate application on February 23 and March 7, 2012.

Since that time, Allen Cameron has been granted intervention in the Rate Docket; the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") has issued a Letter of Sufficiency finding Sunland's rate application sufficient and classifying Sunland as a Class "E" Utility; and the Rate Docket and Financing Docket have been consolidated with the support of Sunland and Staff and without

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objection from Mr. Cameron.

On May 14, 2012, Staff filed a Request for Extension of Time, requesting that the deadline for the Staff Report in this matter be extended to May 21, 2012, and asserting that Sunland had been contacted and was agreeable to the Staff request. Staff did not make an assertion as to Mr. Cameron's position.

Although Mr. Cameron's position regarding Staff's request is not known, it appears that Staff requires additional time to prepare and file its Staff Report, which was due to be filed on May 14, 2012. As Staff has requested only a brief extension of time, and no party's interests would be best served by requiring Staff to file a Staff Report that is not yet complete or that has not been adequately scrutinized, it is reasonable and appropriate to grant Staff a 7-day extension of time to file its Staff Report. In addition, it is reasonable and appropriate likewise to extend the Commission's time frame to issue an order in this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadline to file the Staff Report is hereby extended to May 21, 2012.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time frame for the Commission to issue a final order in this matter is hereby extended by 7 days.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31 and 38 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission pro hac vice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

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1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend,
2	or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at
3	hearing.
4	DATED this 15th day of May, 2012.
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9	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
10	Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered this _/5½ day of May, 2012 to:
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